

## Message Text

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ACTION FBO-05

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 A-01 L-03 /020 W  
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R 131545Z JUN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9775

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, US, DM  
SUBJ: EMBASSY RESIDENCE COTONOU

REF: A. COTONOU 359, B. STATE 43512

1. POST HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED 6 JUNE 77 FROM  
FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) REQUESTING NEGOTIATION OF A NEW LEASE OF  
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF BENIN (BPRB). SAMPLE CONTRACT SUBMITTED AS ENCLOSURE TO  
DIPLOMATIC NOTE DOES NOT CONFORM TO OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR A

EASE SO LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES  
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2. RESIDENCE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION.  
REPAIRS HAVE BEEN OBLIGATED AGAINST RENT AS SUGGESTED AND  
APPROVED IN REFTELS.

3. IF OCCASION ARISES DURING NEGOTIATIONS OVER CONTRACT  
TERMS, POST WOULD LIKE TO QUESTION MFA INFORMALLY ABOUT  
POSSIBLE FUTURE SITES TO BE PROVIDED BY GPRB FOR CHANCERY/  
RESIDENCE. DUE TO LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE ANY BUDGET PROPOSAL  
CAN INCLUDE A COTONOU DESIGN, POST IS AWARE OF DANGER THAT  
GPRB WOULD  
INTERPRET ANY SIGN OF INTEREST AS AN INTENT TO

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PROCEED WITH PROJECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, LAND IN  
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE DIPLOMATIC AREA IS BEING DEVELOPED AT  
THIS TIME AND, IF A CHANCERY/RESIDENCE IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED,  
THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO EXPLORE GPRB INTENTIONS TOWARD  
GRANT OF LAND FOR THIS PROJECT. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ARE  
REQUESTED. THOMPSON

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## Message Attributes

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